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STATEMENT UNDER
ARTICLE 34(2)(d) IN REPLY
TO WRITTEN OPINION

European Patent Office D-80298 Munich GERMANY

Attn: IPEA/EP

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Written Opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA/EP), mailed 15 June 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks for consideration by the Authorized Officer under PCT Article 34 (2)(d).

## REMARKS

## Novelty

In the opinion of the Examining Officer, claims 1-11, 14, 20-22, 27, and 32 are anticipated by D2 (EP-A-0 375 210). More specifically, according to the Examining Officer, the generic formula of Applicants' claim 1 overlaps with the generic formula disclosed in D2 overlaps encompasses D2 Examples 2-4.

Applicants have amended claim 1 by deleting "hydrogen" from the definition of R<sup>1</sup>. Because the X and Y substituents of the generic formula disclosed in D2 are defined as "hydrogen or together are =0," amended claim 1 does not overlap with the D2 generic formula. See D2, page 3, line 25. Moreover, amended claim 1 does not encompass D2 Examples 2-4.

Therefore, because D2 does not disclose any specific compounds or generic formulae falling within the scope of amended claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1, as well as claims 2-32, are novel

Respectfully submitted,

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